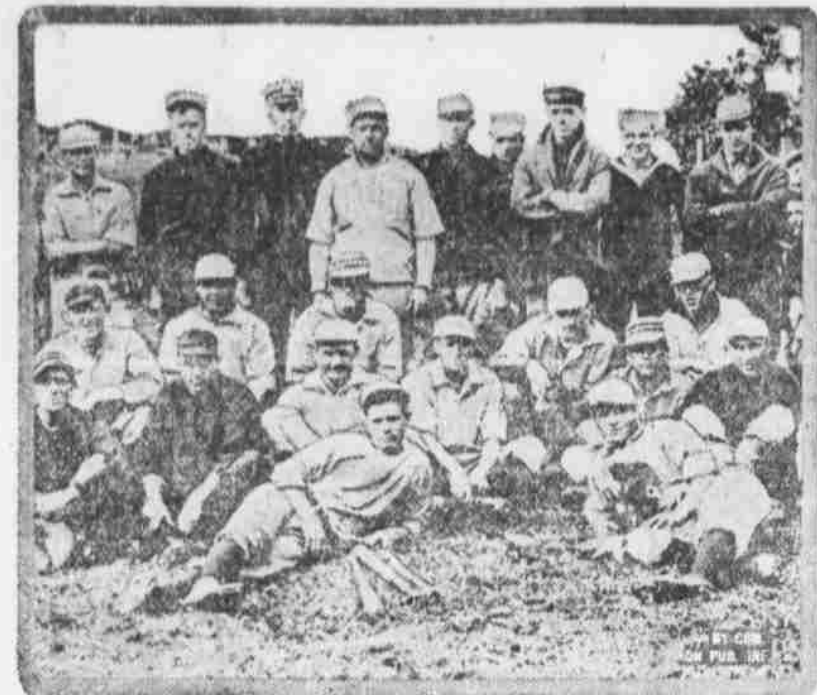


FIRST THING FRENCH POILUS LEARN IN BASEBALL IS HOW TO CUSS POOR UMPIRE



AMERICAN SAILORS AND SOLDIERS IN FRANCE.

About the first thing the French poilus learned of the great American game of baseball, after the French military authorities had officially ordered that they be instructed by Yankee soldier details, was to "cuss" the umpire. The Americans consider this a sign of distinct progress among their pupils and they have redoubled their efforts to drill into them the finer points of the game. And baseball has taken big with the French, and even now there is talk of an after-the-war "League National" with Paris, Marseilles, Lyons, Tours, Strasbourg, Bordeaux and other French cities composing the circuit.

Sport Was Needed.

About the time the "work or fight" law put a damper on the sport in the States the French military leaders who had seen the Americans playing in every place or square in most of the cities and villages of France, decided that it was a sport conducive to physique needed in military training and they asked the American authorities for details to teach their men the game.

Practically every French barracks behind the lines was given a detail from the American commands. They prepared the equipment and issued guide books written in French for the soldiers.

The procedure of the instruction at one of the "casernes" may be considered typical of the hundreds of instruction camps inaugurated during the summer.

Instruction Begins.

Early in August the detail of instructors first appeared on an im-

vised diamond on the beach and went through rudimentary explanations with athletic instructors and men from 30 regiments as eager scholars. Three classes of more than fifty men each puzzled over intricate explanations for forty minutes each. The American detail appeared twice a week thereafter and with the aid of their guide books and the polus began to absorb such phrases as "out at first," only it was "hors sur le premiere base."

At the end of three weeks' practice the French soldiers learned many of the fine points of the game and were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the great American pastime. After the first lesson terms were organized and a series of games played, allowing the men to learn the game from experience and not from observation, plays being explained as the game progressed.

As the soldiers spend but from three to six weeks at the headquarters for physical instruction, it was found necessary to discontinue the instruction September 13. On that day six teams representing the three regiments from which the 30 regiments are drawn met in a three-game series. They were able to play an average of 33½ innings in the 40-minute period, which is not bad for beginners.

Are they learning the game? Yes, swear the Yankee instructors, for in the last game one polu protested with all the vigor of two active arms and a lot of nonunderstandable French when an American corporal, acting as "umpire," called him out on a close decision at first.

FREDDIE WELSH IN UNIFORM

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SUBSTITUTE IS FROWNED ON

Proposed Games on Saturday and Sunday Meet With Disfavor by American League Leaders.

President Ben Johnson of the American league has received word from several of his club owners saying they were not parties to the proposed semi-week-end baseball league planned for next season. They added that they wouldn't permit the use of their plants for such an organization.

Ban himself doesn't consider the idea feasible. "As I understand it," says Ban, "the promoters plan a league of major league players and cities and a Saturday and Sunday schedule throughout the season. The expenses of such a project would be enormous, and there also might be difficulty in obtaining players, as baseball isn't essential employment."

FIRST PLAYER TO BE KILLED

Eddie Grant, Third Baseman of New York Giants, Meets Death Fighting in France.

Edward L. Grant, former third baseman of the Giants, is the first of the many major league baseball players in the service to give his life for his country.

At the outbreak of the war Grant joined the officers' training camp at Plattsburg and was commissioned a first lieutenant. He was then detailed to Camp Upton and soon went overseas. Captain Grant was a native of Franklin, Mass., where he was born in 1883.

His first experience in baseball was at Harvard university, where he proved to be an excellent player. After graduation in 1905 he played with an independent club at Lynn, Mass., and the following year went to Jersey City of the old Eastern league. He won the attention of major league scouts and in 1907 he was signed by the Philadelphia National league club, for which he played third base

CHANGE COMES OVER ITALY ON BASEBALL

Great Possibilities There for Development of Game.

Sport Has Been Virtually Unknown There, Though Played by American Boys at College in Rome—Declared Too Rough.

John Evers writes from France that he soon may be sent to Italy to teach baseball to that country's soldiers, and yet it was only a few months ago the Italian government refused to permit a shipment of baseball equipment on the ground that it was a nonessential commodity to be classed as even frivolous. Italy hasn't been a nation famous for sports, but before the Americans get through they may be sending a flood of Italian recruits up to the big leagues. Baseball has been virtually unknown in Italy, though it has been played in Rome at a college for American boys. For a time they played their games in a public park and natives looked on in wonder as the boys caught the hard ball with their bare hands. It finally was stopped by officials, who considered it dangerous. It may be remembered that in the winter of 1914 the White Sox and Giants were refused a permit to play a game in Rome for the same reason. Upon applying for the permit the officials examined the ball and asked many questions concerning the nature of the game, then decided it was too rough and too dangerous to be allowed.

Since that time the young men of Italy have been up against a much rougher experience than playing baseball, so the task of teaching them the American game may be successfully carried on now.

The climate of Italy is especially suitable for baseball, being warm the year around much as it is in California. It will stir up the fighting spirit among the men of the Italian army, and that spirit should live when the war is over. It might be surprising if in a few years from now the point winners in the major leagues of the United States would visit Italy for a series of contests against Italy's best. It might even be that in time American big league teams will do their spring training at Rome or Naples or Milan. It isn't much farther than to California, and besides the team probably could get back home in a couple of days by means of a HES airplane.

SPEAKER IS NAVAL AVIATOR

Premier Centerfielder of Great National Game Now a Student at Massachusetts School.

Tris Speaker, for years the premier centerfielder of the great national game, is now a student naval aviator at the Massachusetts Tech, Naval Aviators' school. Tris has been con-



Tris Speaker.

templating joining the colors for some time, and his choice of the naval aviation service proves that he is not picking any soft berth for himself. And it is to be assumed that he will show the same grace and finesse piloting his seaplane that he exhibited on the baseball diamond.

CHARLES O'BRIEN IS KILLED

Gained Football Fame at Bucknell. Some Years Ago—Also Helped Warner at Carlisle.

First Lieutenant Charles O'Brien of Wilkes-Barre, who was recently killed in action in France, gained football fame at Bucknell some years ago. He also helped Glenn Warner coach the Carlisle Indians.

Shellenback to Enter Aviation. Frank Shellenback, pitcher for the White Sox, is waiting for his call to the aviation school at Berkeley. He passed all his tests the other day and he expects to be called to the ground school.

"YOUNG NIPPER" IS KILLED

Charley Wood, Known as "The Cast Iron Lightweight," Meets Death Fighting in France.

News has been received in London that Charley Wood, better known as Young Nipper, has been killed in action. He was called "The Cast Iron Lightweight," and fought many brilliant battles, on one occasion giving Freddy Welsh a hard twenty round bout at the Canterbury Music hall.

There is also news that Wally Wells—brother to Bermondsey Billy Wells, and a useful boxer—has gone under.

Scout Barrett in Army. Charles Barrett, a scout for the St. Louis Nationals last summer, expects to enter the gas and flame service of the United States army.

Paul Loughbridge Promoted. Paul Loughbridge, 15, a substitute tackle on the Yale varsity eleven of 1914, has been promoted to the rank of major in the United States army in France.

Adrift with Humor



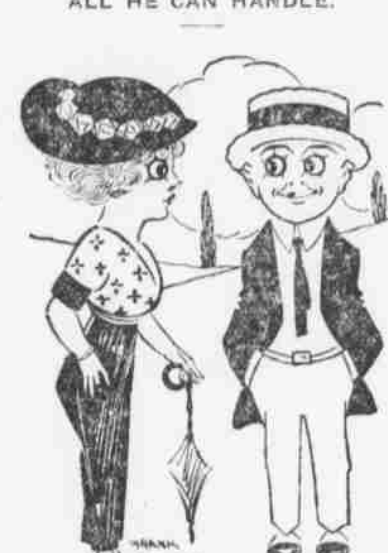
Polishing Too Highly.
"When did you study elocution?" "Elocution?" echoed Senator Sorghum. "I never studied it."
"Would it not have helped your oratorical style?"
"Maybe. But it would have done away with the little off-hand mistakes that help to convince a crowd that a man is speaking straight from the heart and not trying to beguile the senses with studied eloquence."

A Father's Disappointment.
"That was a fine letter Josh wrote home," commented Mrs. Cornsossel. "Every line of it was just as grammatical as it could be."
"That's what worries me," replied her husband. "He has spoiled his style. I thought at first he was going to have a great future as one of those natural-born colloquial dialect writers."

The Times.
"Who is the woman in the hand-some limousine which has just left your house?"
"Oh, that's the washlady."
"And who is the person who has just come out of the door and started to walk down the street?"
"That's just the woman of the house."

As It Goes.
"Who sent the little bunch of violents?"
"The friend who did more than anyone else in his life to help him when he was in trouble."
"And from whom did the fine sprays of flowers come?"
"From the ones who refused to lend him money when he needed it."

ALL HE CAN HANDLE.



Mrs. Henry—Mr. Swift never takes his wife out in his automobile.
Mr. Henry—I guess he doesn't care to have two unmanageable things on his mind at one time.

Making the Best of It.
We must cheer up beyond a doubt. "Monstrous bleatiness" is complete. So, when the gasoline gives out, be thankful for your feet.

The Difference.
"Time is money, you know," remarked the bothersome broadside.
"Yes, of course," jammed in the other chap. "But you can save time and spend it too."

What He Was.
"And what does your mother call you?" asked the minister of the fifty-faced little lad.
"Me?" he replied. "She calls me the disgrace of the family."

Tact.
"Am I the only one you ever loved?" "Durling, do you suppose I could aspire to you if I were in the amateur class?"

The Reason.
"The papers are always anxious to get good stories of fires."
"Naturally. A good fire story is hot stuff."

Not Hindering It.
"Reggy, why don't you let your mustache grow?"
"Why don't I let it? Good heavens, dear boy, I do; but it doesn't."

All Thought Out.
"Brown's debts don't seem to worry him."
"No. He says if he looked worried it would worry his creditors and then they would worry him into worrying some more."

Neat Array.
He—I know a man who has fingerprints all over his office.
She—He must be very disorderly in his habits.
He—Not at all. He's a police identification expert.

Hours of Relaxation.
"The neighbors object to your running the lawnmower at 6 o'clock in the morning," said Mrs. Crosslots.
"Which neighbors?" asked her husband.

"The ones who play the phonograph till 2 o'clock in the morning."

A Courtesy Overlooked.
"So you think women should be more polite."
"I do. I never see a woman with a polite asking a man if smoking is all right."

Jolly War Victim.
Pat had lost an eye in battle. When he got out of the hospital and went back to the front he got into an argument with an English soldier. "Till bet," he said, "that I can see more with my one eye than you can with your two."
"Prove it."
"Well, I can see two eyes in your face and you can only see one in mine."—Boston Evening Transcript.

Catarrah Cannot Be Cured
By LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. CATARRH is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will cure catarrah. It is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is composed of some of the best known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is what produces such wonderful results in catarrah conditions. Druggists & Chemists everywhere. F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O.

Not After That.
"War has evidently no terrors for your husband, Mrs. Grim."
"No; we have two girls in the next flat taking stinging lessons; a woman pianist on the floor above practices scales five hours a day, a man below plays the trombone every night and there are nine phonographs in the building. He said he wanted to go somewhere where he could have a little rest and quiet."

Have a Clear Skin.
Make Cuticura Soap your every-day toilet soap and assist it now and then by touches of Cuticura Ointment to soften, soothe and heal. For free samples address "Cuticura, Dept. X, Boston." At druggists and by mail. Soap 25, Ointment 25 and 50.—Adv.

Speeding.
Jimpsonberry and Harkaway had been hauled up before the court for speeding.
"Thirty dollars apiece," said the judge. "All the evidence before this bench goes to prove that you fellows was racin' along at 50 miles an hour."
"But, judge," protested Jimpsonberry, "we can't possibly go more than 30 miles an hour."
"And the limit of mine is thirty-five," pleaded Harkaway.

"Wouldn't you like to be?" demanded the judge. "Thirty and thirty-five comes to sixty-five, don't it? By golly, I'll add a dollar a mile onto the fines of both of you."—Mrs. Abbie Wayland, Georgia.

EAT A TABLET! DYSPEPSIA GONE

PAPE'S DIAPESIN INSTANTLY RELIEVES SOUR, GASSY OR ACID STOMACHS.

When meals hit back and your stomach is sour, acid, gassy, or you feel full and bloated. When you have heavy lumps of pain or headache from indigestion. Here is instant relief!

Just as soon as you eat a tablet or two of Pape's Diapessin all the dyspepsia, indigestion and stomach distress ends. These pleasant, harmless tablets of Pape's Diapessin never fail to make upset stomachs feel fine at once, and they cost very little at drug stores. Adv.

His Excuse.
One Camp Custer rattle chimed he should have a deferred classification and to substantiate his allegation referred to Deuteronomy 24:5:
"When a man hath taken a new wife he shall not go to war, neither shall he be charged with any business, but he shall be free at home for one year and shall cheer up his wife which he has taken."
"Well," said one of the army clerks after sizing up the bird making the claim, "I guess she would need cheering up if she picked off that lion!"

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WRIGLEY'S

Announcement:

To help meet the needs of the government, Wrigley's has discontinued the use of tin foil as a wrapping for **Wrigley's Juicy Fruit**.

Hereafter all three WRIGLEY flavors will be sealed in air-tight, pink-end packages.

So look for WRIGLEY'S

in the pink sealed wrapper and take your choice of flavor. Three kinds to suit all tastes.

Be SURE you get WRIGLEY'S—The Flavor Lasts!

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